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MAY B.E.E.P., PROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE *Bylaw Enforcement Education Program for May*

Medicine Hat – As spring arrives it is important that the community takes steps to ensure that waste is properly disposed of and contained.

Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Section and their Bylaw Enforcement Education Program (B.E.E.P.) for May is reminding everyone that proper storage and disposal of waste is important in keeping our community a desirable place to live.

"There are several municipal bylaws as well as the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act that have provisions that deal with the improper disposal of waste within the community", says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor, Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "We will be focusing on those that fail to properly contain and transport waste as well as those that deliberately dispose of waste in an inappropriate manner."

Bylaws 1805 and 1556 of the City of Medicine Hat and the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act require waste material to be secured in a manner that will prevent the waste material from falling or blowing out of the vehicle or trailer used in transporting the waste.

"Placing waste out in a container that is not capable of properly holding the waste, or having waste that has spilled or fallen from the container is also an offence", says Crittenden.

Throwing, dropping or abandoning waste on a highway or other public or private property will also be a focus, including tossing cigarette butts, and abandoning unwanted items at charity drop off bins.

For more information on Bylaws 1805 and 1556 visit the City of Medicine Hat website at www.medicinehat.ca.

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